

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Page 4, lines 15-24, please rewrite as follows:**

The present invention provides a method for removing Mn from cobalt sulfate solution comprising the steps of:

adjusting pH of the solution within the range of above 2.5 to 6 or lower;  
adding the NaOCl to the solution to obtain an oxidation-reduction potential in the range of 1100 to 1300 mV, with respect to standard hydrogen electrode (SHE); and  
removing Mn precipitate from thus treated solution.